

# New City, Lower Points

## 2008 Ford AQHYA Youth World Show Gets Better

### Bigger and Better in 2008

The number of points needed to qualify for the 2008 Ford AQHYA World Championship Show in Oklahoma City has been lowered to allow more youth the opportunity to compete.

To encourage competition involving more youth, national qualifying points have been cut by one-third as indicated on the chart below.

In addition to the national qualifiers, each AQHYA affiliate will have the opportunity to bring more state qualifiers. Instead of two state qualifiers, each affiliate will be allowed four state qualifiers in each class.

“We want to offer more opportunities to AQHYA members and give young people the chance to experience a fun and competitive event,” said AQHA Executive Vice President Bill Brewer. “The move to a larger facility will allow for more youth to experience and participate in the Ford Youth World. We want to reach out to young horse enthusiasts and help them experience the world.”

The 2008 Ford Youth World will be at Oklahoma City’s newly remodeled and updated State Fair Park. The changes in qualifying points are designed to increase the size of the Ford

Youth World and offer youth more opportunities.

The first AQHA World Championship Show was slated for 1971; however, due to an outbreak of Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis, the show was cancelled. It was in Amarillo in 1972 and 1973. In 1974, the Youth World moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where it remained until 1991. In 1992, it moved to Fort Worth, where it remained through 2007.

### Important Dates to Remember

Qualifying period is May 1, 2007, through April 30, 2008.

All exhibitors must be members of AQHYA no later than May 31 of the year of the show.

All transfers on all horses entered in the show must be completed according to AQHA records no later than May 31 of the year of the show.

Hardship applications to show with an alternative affiliate are due May 1, 2008.

### Age Requirement

In halter classes, exhibitors must be 9 years old by January 1 the year of the show. All performance events will be for all youth, age 18 and under, as of January 1 the year of the show.

*\*The following are the point requirements for national qualification for the 2008 Ford AQHYA World Championship Show in Oklahoma City. The points represent the minimum amount to be nationally qualified.*

## QUALIFYING POINTS

CLASS NAME	2007	2008	CLASS NAME	2007	2008
Yearling Mares	1.5	1.0	Western Riding	14.0	9.0
2-Year-Old Mares	2.5	1.5	Trail	23.0	15.0
3-Year-Old Mares	7.0	4.5	Western Horsemanship	35.0	23.0
Aged Mares	13.5	9.0	Western Pleasure	36.0	24.0
Yearling Geldings	0.5	0.5	Hunter Under Saddle	33.0	22.0
2-Year-Old Geldings	5.0	3.0	Jumping	1.0	0.5
3-Year-Old Geldings	5.0	3.0	Working Hunter	7.0	4.5
Aged Geldings	21.0	14.0	Hunter Hack	10.0	6.5
Showmanship at Halter	36.5	24.0	Hunt Seat Equitation	21.0	14.0
Working Cow Horse	0.5	0.5	Equitation Over Fences	4.5	3.0
Tie-Down Roping	0.5	0.5	Ranch Sorting	2.0	1.0
Dally Team Roping-Heading	1.5	1.0	Performance Halter Mares	3.0	2.0
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Barrel Racing	19.0	12.5	Cutting	1.0	0.5
Pole Bending	11.5	7.5	Team Penning	1.5	1.0
Stake Race	4.5	3.0	Breakaway Roping	2.5	1.5
Reining	9.0	6.0			